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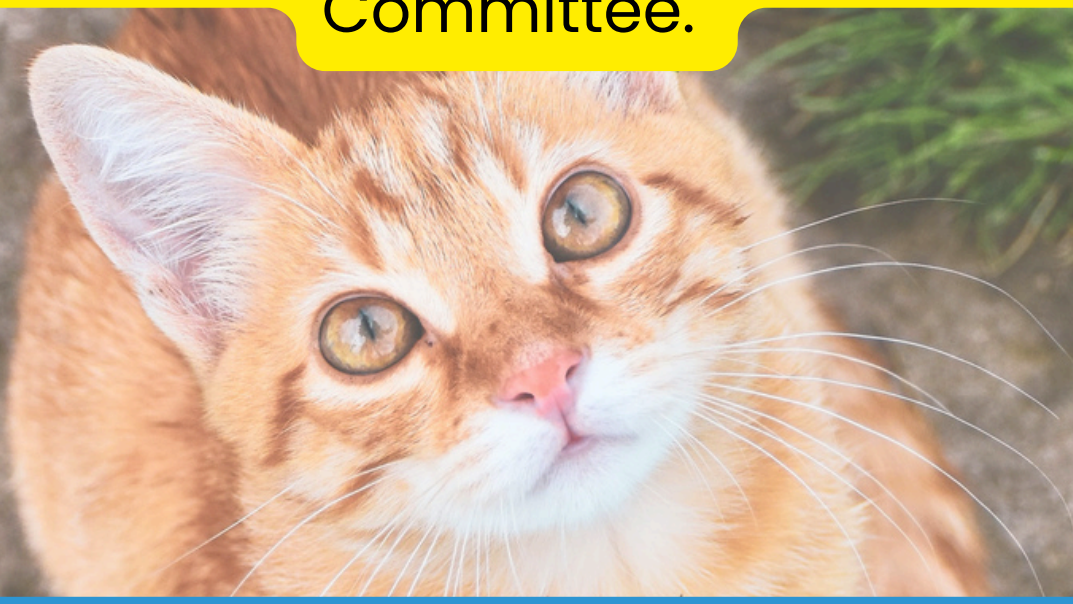

Our goal is to promote responsible cat care, starting with public education & awareness! Read our

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to learn more about TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return), general behavior, breeding facts, and the benefits of spaying and neutering.

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GENERAL FELINE BIOLOGY & BEHAVIOR

Fact #1: *Professional Sleepers*

Cats spend roughly 70% of their lives asleep. If a cat is 9 years old, it has only been awake for about 3 of those years.

[As per Cornell Feline Health Center]

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Fact #2: *Super Ears*

A cat has 32 individual muscles in each ear, allowing them to rotate their ears 180 degrees to pinpoint the exact source of a sound.

[As per Veterinary Anatomy Guidelines]

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Fact #3: *Vocal Range*

Cats can make over 100 different vocal sounds. For comparison, dogs can only make about 10.

[As per Feline Behavioral Science Studies]

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Fact #4: *Healing Purrs*

A cat's purr vibrates at a frequency of 20–140 Hz. Medical research shows this specific frequency range can improve bone density and speed up the healing of tendons and muscles.

[As per Biomechanical & Sound Frequency Research / JASA]

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Fact #5: *Space Pioneers*

The first cat in space was a French tuxedo cat named Félicette in 1963. She successfully survived the suborbital flight and returned to Earth safely.

[As per Centre National d'Études Spatiales / Historical Record]

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Fact #6: *Unique Prints*

Just like human fingerprints, a cat's nose print is completely unique to them—no two are identical.

[As per Feline Identification Registries]

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Fact #1: *The Multiplier Effect*

In just 7 years, one unspayed female cat, one unneutered male cat, and their rapidly maturing offspring can theoretically produce up to 420,000 kittens.

[As per ASPCA / Humane Society of the United States]

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Fact #2: *Early Bloomers*

Kittens can reach sexual maturity and get pregnant as early as 4 months old. They do not wait until they are fully grown adults to begin reproducing. [As per American Veterinary Medical Association]

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Fact #3: *Non-Stop Litters*:

A single female cat can have 3 to 4 litters a year, with an average of 4 to 6 kittens per litter.

[As per Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery]

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Fact #4: *Rapid Reboot*

A nursing mother cat can get pregnant again just 4 to 6 weeks after giving birth, even while she is still actively housing and nursing her current litter.

[As per Veterinary Reproductive Endocrinology]

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Fact #5: *Induced Ovulators*

Female cats do not have a regular reproductive cycle. They are "induced ovulators," meaning the physical act of mating triggers their ovaries to release eggs, resulting in a near 100% conception rate.

[As per Cornell Feline Health Center]

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Fact #6:*Multiple Fathers (Superfecundation)*

A single litter of kittens can have multiple different fathers. If a female cat in heat mates with multiple males, different eggs can be fertilized by different fathers, creating a genetically diverse litter.
[As per Feline Genetics & Reproduction Research]

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Fact #1: *Calmer Neighborhoods*

Neutering eliminates the urge to roam. Fixed males are 90% less likely to wander off looking for a mate, which drastically reduces traffic-related accidents.

[As per American Veterinary Medical Association]

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Fact #2: *No More Vocal Concerts*

Intact cats yowl loudly and constantly when looking for a mate. Spaying and neutering shuts down this hormonal drive, reducing neighborhood noise complaints.

[As per Alley Cat Allies Veterinary Data]

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Fact #3: *Elimination of Spraying*

Unneutered males use highly pungent urine to mark territory. Neutering eliminates this hormonal drive, stopping foul-smelling spraying in 9 out of 10 cats.

[As per Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association]

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Fact #4: *Cancer Prevention*

Spaying eliminates the risk of uterine and ovarian cancer, and drastically reduces breast cancer. Neutering completely removes the risk of testicular cancer.

[As per American College of Veterinary Surgeons]

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TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN (TNR) INFRASTRUCTURE

Fact #1: *The Vacuum Effect*

Simply removing or euthanizing stray cats does not work. When cats are removed, new unaltered cats quickly move into the vacant territory and breed faster to fill the resource gap.

[As per Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association]

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Fact #2: *Stabilizing the Colony*

Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) is the only proven, humane method to control stray populations. Fixed community cats return to their territory, guard their resources, and stop the breeding cycle completely.

[As per Alley Cat Allies / Humane Society of the United States]

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Fact #3: *The Universal Badge (The Ear Notch/Tip)*

During a TNR surgery, the veterinarian removes a tiny portion of the cat's left ear (about 3/8 of an inch) while the cat is under anesthesia. This "ear tip" is the universal visual sign that a community cat is already fixed and vaccinated.

[As per Association of Shelter Veterinarians]

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Fact #4: *Rodent Control:*

TNR cats keep local rodent populations under control without creating a population explosion of stray kittens. They become quiet, sterilized neighborhood protectors.

[As per Urban Ecology & Wildlife Management Studies]

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Fact #5: *Lifespan Extension*

An unmanaged community cat has a brutal average lifespan of less than 2 to 5 years due to constant reproduction, fighting, and roaming. A managed, TNR-stabilized colony cat can live a healthy, quiet life of 10 to 15 years. [As per Maddie's Shelter Medicine Program]

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Fact #1: *Cost-Effective Management*:

Catch-and-kill animal control via euthanizing is an endless door that results in a continuous financial drain on taxpayers. While a TNR program is more expensive originally, over time the population stabilizes and ongoing costs become very minimal.

[As per Municipal Economic Studies & Alley Cat Allies Data]

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Fact #2: *Fewer Complaint Calls*

Once a colony is stabilized through TNR, nuisance complaints (spraying, fighting, yowling) drop by up to 90%, freeing up valuable time for municipal enforcement officers and administrative staff.

[As per University of Florida Maddie's Shelter Medicine Program]

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Fact #3: *The Rabies Firewall*

Standard TNR protocol includes a rabies and distemper vaccination. This transforms a stray colony into a living health barrier that prevents wildlife diseases (from raccoons, skunks, or foxes) from spreading to domestic pets and residents.

[As per National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians]

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